

For EUROPE & AMERICA,  
INDIA, AUSTRALIA, &c., and for  
PRIVATE RESIDENTS AT THE  
OUTPORTS  
A Comprehensive and Complete  
Record of the  
NEWS OF THE FAR EAST  
is given in the  
**HONGKONG WEEKLY  
PRESS,**  
with which is incorporated the  
CHINA OVERLAND TRADE REPORT.  
Subscription, paid in advance, \$12  
per annum. Postage to any part of  
the World, \$2.

# Hongkong Daily Press.

ESTABLISHED 1857

NOW READY  
THE  
DIRECTORY & CHRONICLE  
FOR 1906.

Complete Edition . . . \$10.00  
Small . . . . . 6.00  
Orders may be sent to the  
Hongkong Daily Press Office and  
to the Local Booksellers

No. 14,839. 九十九萬一第一日五月初二年二十三號光 HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 1906. 二月七日二年六零百九十一英港音 PRICE, \$3 PER MONTH.



THE  
LAHMEYER ELECTRICAL CO., LTD.  
LONDON.

THE  
FELTEN & GUILLAUME-LAHMEYER WERKE  
FRANKFURT A.M.

FOR ESTIMATES OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS OF ANY DESCRIPTION  
Apply to SIEMSSSEN & CO., SOLE AGENTS FOR CHINA. 46a

## TURKISH CIGARETTES.



JOHN PETRINO & CO.  
GRAND FORMAT . . . . . Per Tin of 50 81.75  
GOLD TIPPED . . . . . 50 1.60  
STAR OF INDIA . . . . . 100 2.75  
PRYCESS . . . . . 100 2.20  
N & PLUS ULTRA . . . . . 100 2.00  
DAMAS . . . . . 100 1.75

TELEPHONE NO. 75.

SOLE AGENTS—

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.,  
15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1906. 48a

CHUN SENG.  
No. 39, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG. LATE OF 51, MAIN STREET, YOKOHAMA,  
DRAPER & TAILOR, GENT'S FURNISHING GOODS, & GENERAL OUTFITTER.  
ALL NEW GOODS IN STOCK.

A Trial Solicited. Fit and Satisfaction Guaranteed. Inspection Invited  
Hongkong, 27th May, 1905. 449

## CUTLER, PALMER & CO.

WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

LONDON, INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA.  
ESTABLISHED 1815.

	Per Case.
BRANDY * * * *	\$22.50
" * * *	20.00
" * *	16.75
WHISKY, PALL MALL	20.00
JOHN WALKER & SONS' OLD HIGHLAND	12.50
C. P. & CO.'S SPECIAL BLEND	10.50
PORT WINE, INVALIDS	20.00
DOURO	13.75
SHERRY, AMOROSO	20.00
LA TORRE	16.00
BENEDICTINE, D.O.M.	40.50

THE ABOVE EXCLUSIVELY SHIPPED TO

SIEMSSSEN & CO.  
HONGKONG AGENTS. 51a

## REDUCED PRICES.

FILM or PLATE F. P. CAMERAS fitted with "Ross," "Zeiss," "Dallmeyer" and  
"Graflex" Lenses, Price from \$85.00 to \$200.00.  
PLATE or FILM F. P. CAMERAS, Price from \$10.00 to \$100.00.

MAGAZINE CAMERAS, Price from \$5.00 to \$40.00.

EASTMAN KODAKS, Price from \$10.00 to \$75.00.

WE have just landed a large consignment of Photographic Goods. We invite you to come  
and inspect our new stock.

A. TACK & CO.  
26, DES VŒUX ROAD, HONGKONG. 39

## LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

CARPETS! CARPETS!! CARPETS!!!  
THE FINEST SELECTION OF

AXMINSTER, WILTON,  
VELVET PILE &  
BRUSSELS CARPETS.  
EVER SEEN IN THE FAR EAST

AXMINSTER PARQUET SQUARES,  
WOVEN IN ONE PIECE WITHOUT SEAM.

DURING FEBRUARY ALL CARPETS WILL BE MADE AND  
FITTED "FREE OF CHARGE."

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1906.



MACKIE'S  
WHITE HORSE CELLAR

THE UNRIVALLED SCOTCH WHISKY  
\$14.00 PER DOZEN.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.  
SOLE AGENTS.

## JAPAN COALS.

MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA  
(MITSUI & CO.)

HEAD OFFICE—1, SUBURO-CHO, TOKYO.  
LONDON BRANCH—34, LIMB STREET, E.C.  
HONGKONG BRANCH—PRINCE'S BUILDINGS, ICE HOUSE STREET.

OTHER BRANCHES  
New York, San Francisco, Hamburg, Bombay, Singapore, Sourabaya, Manila, Amoy, Shanghai, Chefoo, Tientsin, Nanchang, Port Arthur, Seoul, Chemulpo, Yokohama, Yokosuka, Nagoya, Osaka, Kobe, Kure, Shimonesaki, Moji, Wakamatsu, Karatsu, Nagasaki, Kuchinoshima, Sasebo, Meldaura Milne, Hakodate, Taipeh, &c.

Telegraphic Address: "MITSUI" (A.B.C. and A 1 Codes).

CONTRACTORS OF COAL to the Imperial Japanese Navy and Arsenals and the State Railways; Principal Railway Companies and Industrial Works; Home and Foreign Mail and Freight Steamers.

SOLE PROPRIETORS of the Famous Miike, Tagawa, Yamano and Ida Coal Mines; and  
SOLE AGENTS for Hokoku, Hondo, Kaneda, Fujinotani, Mamado, Manoura, Onoura Onami, Nakanishi Tsubakuro, Yoshinobu, Yoshi, Yunohara, and other Coals.

S. MINAMI, Manager, Hongkong.

2624 F. BLACKHEAD & CO

## PEERLESS SCOTS WHISKIES

HAIG & HAIG, LTD., DISTILLERS SINCE 1679.

3 Star, SPECIAL—The finest of all "Peat" WHISKIES at . . . . . \$13.00  
5 Star, LIQUEUR—Exquisite, best in the World for Club or Private use at . . . . . \$42.00

Stop drinking rank, Smoky Stuff, because "it comes through the Soda."

Try HAIG & HAIG's WHISKIES; pure, mellow matured, non-smoky, delicate flavor.

Once tried, preferred to all others. Sole Agents for Hongkong.

F. BLACKHEAD & CO

2624 F. BLACKHEAD & CO

## C. LAZARUS & CO., CALCUTTA.

DESIGNERS & MANUFACTURERS OF  
HIGH CLASS FURNITURE

## BILLIARD TABLE MAKERS.

IMPORTERS OF ARTISTIC WALLPAPERS AND TEXTILE  
FABRICS. LARGE STOCKS OF CARPETS AND  
FLOR CLOTHS.

## C. LAZARUS & CO., CALCUTTA.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "MAHOGANY, CALCUTTA."

A. B. C. CODE, 5TH EDITION.

1475—

## KOWLOON HOTEL. KOWLOON.

CABLE ADDRESS—"CHEF."

DELIGHTFUL SITUATION. UNEXCELLED RESORT FOR TRAVELLERS  
AND RESIDENTS. BILLIARDS AND BOWLING. LAWN AND GARDENS.

JAS. W. OSBORNE, PROPRIETOR AND MANAGER. 274

## W. BREWER & CO.

23 & 25, QUEEN'S ROAD.

The Great Siege. The Investment and Fall of Port Arthur, by W. Norroogard \$8.50  
Reminiscences of a British Diplomat, by Sir Frederick St. John . . . . . 5.50

The Diseases of Children. Medical and Surgical, by Ashby and Wright . . . . . 15.00

General Booth "Proprietor of the Poor" . . . . . 1.75

The Poor and the Land, by Elder Heggard . . . . . 1.40

Reed's Flags and Funerals . . . . . 2.75

Seafar's Stamp Album; New Edition, Various Prices.

Pitman's Photographic Instructor . . . . . 2.50

Pitman's Phonographic Dictionary . . . . . 2.75

The Leopold Shakespeare, Clear Type . . . . . 2.50

Samuel Port, by Jacobs . . . . . 0.40

A.B.C. Code; 5th Edition . . . . . 16.50

Major Thomson's Bridge Scorer . . . . . 0.75

Pepy's Diary . . . . . 4.20

French Revolution, by Carlyle . . . . . 4.20

Spenser's Faerie Queen . . . . . 2.00

The Fleet Annual and Naval Year Book . . . . . 0.85

2624 F. BLACKHEAD & CO

2624 F. BLACKHEAD & CO

COPIING PRESSER, all Sizes, Great Variety.

GAMES OF ALL KINDS.

New Stock of ENGRAVINGS.

[a32]

THE ONCIO FOUNTAIN PEN. Self-filling  
Quito, New Style.

DE LA RUE'S BRIDGE MARKERS . . . . . 0.50

ROYAL IRISH LINEN NOTE PAPER, 3 SIZES,  
ENVELOPES TO MATCH.

TENNIS BALLS 1906, Great Variety.

JAPANESE TENNIS RACKETS,  
Very Good and Cheap.

GENTLEMEN'S BLACK AND BROWN BOOTS  
AND SHOES, BEST ENGLISH MAKE,  
Very Superior.

2624 F. BLACKHEAD & CO

2624 F. BLACKHEAD & CO

HIRANO.

THE LEADING MINERAL WATER OF THE EAST.

THE HIRANO MINERAL WATER CO., LTD., KOBE.

AGENTS: F. BLACKHEAD & CO.

Hongkong, 16th August, 1905. 1905

## HOTELS

### HONGKONG HOTEL

FIRST-CLASS AND UP-TO-DATE.

Dining accommodation for 350 Persons

131 Bedrooms

Elegantly Furnished Reception Rooms

Private Bar and Billiard Rooms for Hotel Residents

Hydraulic Lifts to each Floor

Electric Lighting and Fans

Every Comfort

Ladies' Afternoon Tea Rooms

Ladies' Cloak Rooms

Matron in attendance

CHARGES MODERATE, AND NO EXTRAS

H. HAYNES,  
Manager.

### KING EDWARD HOTEL.

A HIGH CLASS PRIVATE HOTEL.

Ladies' Afternoon Tea-Rooms

Private Bar and Billiard-Rooms

Hot and Cold Water throughout

Electrically Lighted. Electric Fans (if required)

Electric Passenger Elevator to each floor.

Table D'Hoté of separate tables.

For Terms, &c., apply to the MANAGER.

Hongkong, 24th July, 1905. 1905

### VICTORIA HOTEL

SHAMEEN—CANTON,  
On the British Concession.</

## INTIMATION

A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINE & SPIRIT  
MERCHANTS.IMPORTERS, BLENDERS  
AND BOTTLERS.

ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

CHAMPAGNE  
DE  
ST. MARCEAUX  
& CO., REIMS.

VIN BRUT: AND VERY DRY.

Per Case 1 doz. Quarts ... \$50.00  
Per Case 2 doz. Pints ... \$53.00A. S. WATSON & CO.  
LIMITED,  
ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

1:0

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.  
All communications relating to the news column should be addressed to THE EDITOR.  
Correspondents must forward their names and addresses with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication but as evidence of good faith.  
All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.  
No anonymous signed communications that have already appeared in other papers will be inserted.  
Orders for extra copies of DAILY PRESS should be sent before 11 a.m. on days of publication. After that hour the supply is limited. Only supplies. "Cash Telegraphic address: Presses, Codes: A.B.C., th Ed  
Liber."

P.O. Box, 88 Telephone No. 12

BIRTHS.  
On February 17th, at Kobe, the wife of Wm. M. Lawrence, a daughter (unnamable).  
On February 18th, at Shanghai, the wife of H. von Rucken, a daughter.  
On February 19th, at Shanghai, the wife of W. Bruce Robertson, a daughter.  
On February 21st, at Shanghai, the wife of M. Bernheim, a daughter.  
MARRIAGE.  
On January 4th, at Camden, South Carolina, ELIZABETH CAPERS ZIERN, and the REV. PALMER CLYMER DU BOIS, of the South Presbyterian Mission, Seochow.DEATHS.  
On February 16th, at Shanghai, MARIE, wife of W. J. H. WERTH, I. M. Customs, Shanghai.  
On February 16th, at Shanghai, THOMAS P. DE CAMPOS, aged 56 years.  
On February 18th, at Shanghai, HARRY JOHN EASTBRIDGE, assistant accountant, Shanghai-Nanking Railway, aged 26 years.HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VŒUX ROAD C.  
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.The Daily Press.  
HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 27TH, 1906.

It appears that we are shortly to see much desired and long necessary improvements in the American Consular Service. Latest advices state that the first reform Bill introduced by Senator LODGE is likely, with certain accepted amendments, to become the law of the United States. There is to be a system of grading appointees, but instead of allowing the consular officials to work from grade to grade by promotion, the Congress reserves the right to the PRESIDENT to appoint any officer in the Government Service to any grade, irrespective of experience. This is the blemish in the programme that is to make it possible in the new regime for favouritism and complaints; as well as to permit the appointment of incompetent men, as is admittedly the case now. However able and faithfully an official of subordinate rank may work for promotion, he will often experience the mortification of being passed over for some politician. Still, the much amended Bill is regarded as a distinct advance toward the reform so loudly clamoured for. Summarising the points from a telegram, our

Shanghai contemporary remarks that provision is made for five Inspectors of Consulates to rank as Consuls-General. The value of this provision of experienced Inspectors is obvious. We can recall a clerical gentleman being sent out here as Inspector of Consulates, because he was the incumbent of a church in Washington, and a personal friend of the then President, and wanted a trip round the world. His visit to Shanghai was made very pleasant for him, but his report to his Government was simply worthless. All Consular fees are abolished, and all officials are placed on salary. Consuls who are also lawyers will be forbidden to receive fees for legal work they may do. The grade of Commercial Agent is abolished. No person not an American citizen will be employed as Consular clerk where the salary amounts to \$1,000 gold. Power is given to the President to transfer Consuls-General and Consuls within the same grade. There are to be several grades of Consul-General, with salaries ranging from \$12,000 to \$3,000 (all these salaries are, of course, in gold). London and Paris are alone in the first grade with \$12,000, and Berlin, Hongkong, Havana, Hamburg, Rio de Janeiro, and Shanghai are in the second grade, with \$8,000. Seoul and Tientsin are in the fourth grade with \$5,500; Chefoo, Hankow, Mulden and Newchwang in the fifth grade with \$4,500. Liverpool stands alone in the first grade of Consuls, with \$8,000; Manchester alone in the second grade with \$6,000; Amoy and Foochow in the fourth grade with \$5,000. There are two other grades of Consul-General, with salaries ranging from \$3,500 to \$2,000, and six other grades of Consuls, with salaries ranging from \$4,000 to \$2,000. The doing of a few black sheep in the American Consular service have, not quite fairly perhaps, made the whole thing a byword, in the Far East, at any rate; and all because these men, always underpaid, were placed in situations exposed to constant temptation. With proper remuneration and no fees or other uncheckered business undertakings, and with a reasonable hope of fixed tenure and promotion, there would soon be an end of the nods and winks so often visible in discussions of the service. It appears, however, that the American authorities do not like a man to take a position for life.

It is reported that a German Consulate will shortly be established at Moji.

Archdeacon H. McC. E. Price, of Osaka, has been appointed to the new Bishopric of Fukien.

A 15,000-ton steamer is being built at the Mitsubishi Dockyard, Nagasaki, for the T. K. K.

The Chinese Foreign Office has been much exercised by the presence of a British gunboat in the Poyang Lake.

It is reported that Mr. Hayashi, from Seoul, will go to Peking as Minister, and Mr. Uchida, now at Peking, to Vienna.

The Royal Sanitary Institute has no lecture until Friday, when Mr. F. Browne will talk at Properties of matter and the mechanical powers."

Dr. Kruger will be "at home" to-day at the German Consulate in honour of the celebration of the silver wedding of Their Serene Highnesses, the Emperor and Empress of Germany.

The annual report and balance sheet of the Hongkong Odd Volumes' Society, to be presented at the annual meeting to be held on Friday next, shows a balance in bank of \$317.36.

## HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVE ASSOCIATION.

In Peking diplomatic circles there is much indignation that Russia has refused almost all the Chinese proposals while herself making unreasonable demands, with no regard to the Treaty of Portsmouth.

The Nanshaopao states that the Japanese Minister, replying to the Waiwupu, says the timber being felled in Finglong province is required for building barracks, and as soon as sufficient is procured for that purpose no more will be felled.

The services in St. John's Cathedral on Wednesday next, Ash Wednesday, will be as follows:—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Matins and Litany, 10.30 a.m., Confirmation Service and Holy Communion, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 5.30 p.m.

For the week ending Feb. 24th the plague return was twelve fatal cases, all Chinese from Canton. In the next two days, another case was recorded, making the total 29. During the week there were 14 cases of smallpox, two European and twelve Chinese. Canton sent one of the latter.

When opposite Lower Rutler Street yesterday morning a constable came upon the body of a coolie suspended by a rope from the branch of a tree. The rope, which was fastened round his neck, was cut, but life was found extinct. Circumstances lead to the belief that the deceased, who had been out of work, committed suicide.

The *Japan Times* says that the leading members of the new Italian Cabinet are Premier and Minister of the Interior, Baron Sonnino; Minister of Foreign Affairs, Count Guicciardini; and Minister of Finance, M. Luzzatti. The portfolios of War and the Navy remain unchanged.

Return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending Feb. 25th shows that non-Chinese there were 250 to the Library and 94 to the Museum; and of Chinese 110 to the former and 3,750 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by 360 persons, and the Museum by 3,853.

The first prize meeting of the C. U. S. R. A. will be held on March 19th and following days. The "Hutton" Cup will be competed for between March 26th and April 14th; entries close on March 15th. Entries must give at least three days' notice to the Honorary Secretary of the date on which they wish to compete.

The *Nanshaopao* stated that although the right to build a railway from Burma to Tengyue had been refused to the British Consul at Myingtze, he had sent engineers to survey the route, and ignored all protests in the matter. The Viceroy of Yun-Kwei had appointed the Waiwupu, who had laid the matter before the British Minister.

It is reported from Peking that notwithstanding the repeated petitions on the part of the Anhui provincial gentry to the Foreign Office and Board of Trade demanding the cancellation of Sir J. Lister Kaye's Tungshan concession, on the ground of lapse of time, the Central Government in Peking has consented to grant a delay of two months in order to give the concessionaires time to start work on the mine.

The fifth annual meeting of the Association of Lancastrians in China was held at the Chamber of Commerce Room, Shanghai, on February 20th. Mr. Cecil Holiday in the chair. Mr. H. W. Pilcher was elected President, Mr. W. A. Bolton Hon. Sec., Mr. J. Tyack Horace, and a committee composed of Messrs. W. J. Carter, J. Kerfoot, P. Brighton, W. K. Stanion, C. Holliday, and C. W. Beswick. It was decided to hold the annual soirée as usual in the Masonic Hall.

A paper to be read before the Royal Asiatic Society on Feb. 22nd on "The Chinese Banking System in Shanghai" was, says the N.-C. Daily News, the first discussion of this topic to be prosecuted at a public meeting in Shanghai. The paper was to discuss the different classes of banks, their local control, the responsibility of bankers, the method in determining the value of various tools. The Vice-President of the Society, Mr. H. B. Morse, was to take the chair.

The letting by public auction of two lots of Crown land was conducted at the Public Works Department yesterday afternoon. The first lot, Peng Chan Farm Lot No. 1, situated at Peng Chan Island, and consisting of an area of about 45 acres, was purchased by Mr. P. W. Goldring (Messrs. Brutton, Hart and Goldring) for \$820. The second lot, Kowloon Island Lot No. 1172, situated at Austin Avenue, Kowloon, fell to the original applicant, Mr. F. Blanck, for \$7,633—an advance of \$20 on the upset price.

Under the heading "China should be Warned," the *Japan Times* discusses the "China for the Chinese" movement, and concludes by saying:—"China must have learned a great deal from the recent war to assure herself of the bright hopes of regeneration. But if the results of the war were favourable to Japan, China should try to understand how we have attained them. Let the leading men of China study the history of half-a-century of mortified pride, burning indignation firmly restrained, humiliation patiently endured, patience forcibly cultivated, a studied policy of conciliation carefully pursued, and honest, upright, and straightforward policy, always maintained by the ever-constant spirit of self-improvement."

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVE ASSOCIATION.

There was a very good attendance of members at the 200 yards range at King's Park on Saturday and Sunday last, to take part in the closing shoots of February. Some very good shooting was done, Mr. J. C. Gow winning the Pool with a score of 67 from scratch.

Below are the principal scores:—

H. T. Richardson	70	W. T. Edwards	62
W. J. Saunders	70	S. A. Joseph	62
D. Bradwood	69	W. Dobis	61
C. Allen	68	C. Glover	61
J. G. Goss (Snr.)	67	J. Whitall	60
D. J. Macdonald	67	J. M. Henderson	60
A. Blower	67	P. H. Miller	60
Dr. Macfarlane	67	E. W. Tracy	60
N. J. Jones	67	G. Richardson	60
W. H. T. Davis	66	J. McInnes	60
T. P. Cochran	66	Wodehouse (Snr.)	58
M. McEachern	65	J. J. Stubbings	58
W. H. Pigeon	65	C. H. W. Kew	58
Sir E. P. Pigott	64	H. H. Underwood	58
F. Phillips	64	J. H. Worster	58
W. McKay	64	E. A. Howie	57
R. H. King	64	A. S. Gubay	57
T. Douglas	64	W. M. Stewart	57
S. H. Michael	64	A. G. Newington	56
J. H. Pigeon (Snr.)	63	Hon. G. Stewart	56
G. H. Hartson	63	E. Brook	56
J. C. Polay	63	W. Daniel	55
A. W. J. Watt	63	L. G. Galloway	55
H. W. Fraser	63	W. Goodfellow	55
Dr. W. B. A. Moore	63	L. G. Bird	52
J. S. Lewington	62	Z. H. Wakeman	52
A. Moir	62	E. Evans Jones	51

## WEATHER REPORT.

On the 26th at 12.5 p.m.—The barometer has risen over China, particularly in the South.

The Japanese return are not to hand, but probably a low pressure area is lying in the Pacific in the neighbourhood of the Looches. A high pressure area lies over Central China. The monsoon is expected to freshen considerably in the Formosa Channel, and the N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Fresh N. winds; the weather is likely to improve.

## TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S SERVICE]

## FRANCE AND GERMANY.

LONDON, February 24th.

M. Rouvier, speaking in the Chamber concerning Morocco, emphasised that France wants peace, but a peace with a safeguarding of her dignity and rights.

## THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, February 24th.

The United States Secretary for War advocates the building up of an efficient army for maintaining the Monroe doctrine.

## BRITISH DOCKYARDS.

LONDON, February 24th.

The Admiralty have decided to adopt their predecessor's scheme, spending £2,000,000 in improving Portsmouth Dockyard, and enabling it to deal with the biggest battleships of the *Broadway* type.

## [N.-C. Daily News Service]

## THE GARTER MISSION AT TOKYO

Tokyo, February 26th.

Prince Arisugawa's dinner took place last night. The Investiture of His Majesty with the Order of the Garter took place this morning with marked courtesies.

The Emperor afterwards called at the Kasumigasaki Palace and dined with Prince Arthur, who subsequently paid a series of calls on the Princes of the Blood.

The State grand dinner was followed by three classical performances.

The Emperor has bestowed on Prince Arthur the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Chrysanthemum; on Lord Redesdale, Admiral Sir Edward Seymour, and General Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny, the Grand Order of the Rising Sun; on Col. Arthur Davidson the Second Order of the Sacred Treasure; and on Capt. Wyndham and Mr. M. W. Lampson, the Fourth Order of the Rising Sun.

Tokyo, February 21st.

Admiral Yamagata, Marshal Okuma, and Admiral Togo have been invested with the Order of Merit, which has not hitherto been conferred upon foreigners.

Prince Arthur received this morning the foreign Ministers, attachés, and Japanese dignitaries, and afterwards was present at a brilliant luncheon party given by General Terauchi (Minister for War).

## A DYNAMITE-LADEN STEAMER ON FIRE

Tokyo, February 21st.

The Austrian str. *Koko* (3,02 tons net) from Singapor arrived at Yokohama this afternoon with dynamite in her third hold and magazine in her fourth. The magazine had caught fire prior to the arrival of the vessel in port, probably owing to the change of climate. The hatch was closed to prevent the fire from spreading and the dynamite was landed intact.

## THE ANTI-FOREIGN SENTIMENT IN CHINA

Tokyo, February 26th.

In a communiqué Japan states that she does not anticipate any immediate outbreak, but in view of the dangerous consequences of anti-foreign sentiment, she warns China of the urgent necessity of its suppression.

## FOREIGN INFLUENCES IN KUANGSI.

The high officials and native gentry of Kuangsi are endeavouring to counteract French influence in the province by opening mines and constructing railways with their own capital.

Sir Ernest Satow is urging the Waiwupu to make Nanning a Kiang, an open port. It is believed that this is also a precaution against arbitrary action by France.

## THE THEATRE.

Pantomime with all its charm of colour, sparkle and dash, held a large audience in the best of humour last night at the Theatre Royal. Baumann's Company was seen and heard at its best in "Aladdin." Certainly a more enjoyable entertainment than the many capable artists provided has not been offered to the Hongkong audience for some time. The choruses were decidedly attractive, the performers more so, and the principals supplied a feast of wit and humour which even the most jaded could appreciate. The best compliment that could be paid the company is to see those who have seen them once eager for a repetition of the experience.

## DIV





GREGOR &amp; CO.,

19, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, 1ST FLOOR.

## BEER

PILSENER. CROWN LABEL.

\$13.00

PER CASE OF 4 DOZEN QUARTS.

\$19.50

PER CASE OF 8 DOZEN PINTS (LARGE SIZE).

## COTTON TRADE IN THE NORTH.

The twelfth ordinary meeting of the proprietors of the Laokungmow Cotton Mill was held on Feb. 20th at Shanghai, when the usual resolutions were passed. We have already published the directors' report, and now reproduce some interesting remarks made by Mr. F. Anderson. He said—At our last annual meeting after entering into an explanation of the unprofitable results, up to that time, of cotton spinning in China, I was in a position to say that there were at least indications that demand for yarn was overtaking supply; that while it might be over-sanguine to hope that after seven lean years we were about to enter upon seven years of plenty, we could say that the New Year had opened satisfactorily. From the accounts, which have been in your hands for some time, you will see that, in common with our neighbours, we have had a prosperous year; the balance of profit and loss amounting to Tls. 173,685.00 or about 23 per cent. on our original paid-up capital. Throughout the year prices have been remarkably steady for both cotton and yarn, so that although we cannot always buy cotton and sell yarn simultaneously, we have been able to carry on the work of the mill under conditions entailing less anxiety than in former years. Our trouble with watered cotton still continues, and while almost every other country in the world is doing its utmost to encourage industrial enterprise, in China the same adverse conditions, the same disabilities under which we have laboured for years still prevail; China is probably the only country in the world in which fiscal impositions militate against the development of her own manufactures, and in favour of those of her competitors in foreign countries. We have worked day time only, with the exception of 24 months in the autumn when day and night working was adopted; our experience was anything but satisfactory throughout that time; the strain on the foreign staff was considerable, and although they did everything in their power to carry on the work efficiently the results were disappointing. Night work generally was bad, there was a great increase in waste, and day and night working more than doubled the depreciation of the machinery, as compared with day work only. When it is borne in mind that a large proportion of the employees in a cotton mill are women and children it is not surprising that night work is unsatisfactory. Throughout the summer and autumn we experienced a good deal of trouble with labour; competition for it was keen, and although many of the hands available were almost quite untrained, wages advanced to an appreciable extent. Latterly the supply has been more plentiful, but constant vigilance is necessary in order to keep up the standard of the work. If the shareholders approve of the recommendation put before them by the directors, the total amount written off machinery, land improvements, and buildings, since the start of the mill, will be Tls. 253,000, which is rather more than 5 per cent. per annum on machinery, and 2½ per cent. per annum on buildings, so that our mill is now fully depreciated, in accordance with the recognised standard; all this depreciation has been written off out of earnings; the mill originally cost Tls. 195,000 more than the total amount of our paid-up capital; we have made up this deficiency, and will have about Tls. 105,000 working capital, after paying the dividend which the directors recommend. To put the position before you in another way, the mill originally cost about Tls. 24 per spindle, which would be roughly speaking, about what it could be replaced at to-day; it stands in our books at Tls. 18.50 per spindle, and at the present market value of the shares, say, Tls. 65.00, it works out about Tls. 12.50 per spindle. Of course, I quite understand that the value of a mill depends more upon earning power than replacing cost; from the latter point of view we can only hope that the satisfactory business which we have had last year will continue; as far as the spring trade is concerned it has begun well, and our production is sold for several months ahead.

"Nothing makes Europeans, and perhaps especially Americans, more mad than to feel they have been cleverly played upon. Personally I have never much minded when my requests for particulars have been responded to by generalities, generalities, and banalities, for I have found some of these red herring to have an excellent savour." (This refers to the censorship.) "There are not many commanders who have resolution enough at the end of a terribly anxious night and morning to reject a series of plausible arguments for leaving well alone. I have heard Lord Kitchener remark under similar circumstances: 'Your reasons for doing what you were told to do are the best I ever heard; now go and do it!'

"Kuroki, however, determined that, as the main position had been carried, it was not desirable that further heavy sacrifices should be imposed on the troops by a direct attack upon the rear-guard, and he authorised Major-General Nishi to stand by and do nothing pending further orders. It was a pity, but no doubt it is a very exceptional man who is able to detach his mind from the terribly impressive 'now' of hard-fought field into the 'then' of the far future. Yet this is necessary to a full comprehension of what may seem heavy further sacrifices at such a moment may be literally trifling compared to the ultimate sacrifices which my have to be paid for an incomplete victory—for a thrust only half driven home."

"The fact that the Twelfth were unable to move on is proof that the Guards and Second could have done so also, and dispenses of the official theory that they were too exhausted. On April 25th the Japanese stood, and knew they stood, in overwhelming force, only separated by two rivers from their enemy. Nothing, however, would induce them to make the plunge until they had completed their most minute preparations. Let the Germans admire this if they will; it is not that principle by which Marlborough, Napoleon, or Lee won their reputations. On the day they meet a first-class general this passion for making all things absolutely safe may be the ruin of our careful little friends."

## THE LIVERPOOL RAT VIRUS.

The plague authorities of Hongkong ought to try the stuff about which the *Shooting Times* writes as follows:—We have recently been making some trials of the Liverpool Rat Virus, prepared by Messrs. Evans, Sons, Leesher, and Webb, Ltd., of Hanover-street, Liverpool. This is not a poison in the ordinary sense of the term, but is a bacteriological culture grown on the surface of nutrient jelly, which, when mixed with food, is readily eaten by rats and mice, and produces in them a disease which is fatal in from seven to 14 days, and which spreads from animal to animal. It is perfectly harmless to man and domestic animals, and the body of a rat which has died from the disease will not impress the same to any other animal except those of its own race. It is very easily prepared for use, and is fed to the vermin upon pieces of bread or in corn soup soaked in the dilution.

We tried it first in and around the houses and buildings of a small holding which was infested with rats. In seeking for their haunts we discovered a storeroom which the vermin had carried nearly a bushel of carrots and beetroot and old linen and woolen gear, consisting of the remnants of handkerchiefs, shawls, stockings, etc., for the disappearance of which no reason could be furnished, and for which various people had been blamed. The result of the first employment of the virus was entirely satisfactory, and, following upon a second, the rats have completely disappeared, many having been found dead round about the place, but none within the adjoining dwelling-house. Enquiries made at adjoining premises confirm the fact that the rats there have also disappeared or greatly diminished in numbers. We used the virus also around the farm buildings of a considerable homestead with an equally favourable result, and we have since put down some of the virus in a small coverts where rats are at times a perfect plague. This latter trial is so far not complete, but, as well as can be judged, the rats would appear to be disappearing from their haunts there, although this is the time of year when their steady increase in the quarter named.

We so frequently receive correspondence upon the subject of destroying rats that we are glad to be able to furnish our readers with particulars of our experiments with this remedy for the nuisance. It should prove most valuable to preservers and others, who, for one reason or another, cannot employ poison or traps effectively. It is evidently the most up-to-date and wholesale means for ridding building, pens, and preserves of these irritatingly destructive vermin.

## MARSHALL FIELD'S WILL.

Mr. Marshall Field's will leaves £1,650,000 to his daughter, Mrs. David Beattie, of London, £1,650,000 for the new Field Museum of Natural History at Chicago, and, after some small bequests to relatives, gives the balance of his estate to trust for his three little grandchildren, two boys and a girl. Apparently there is no bequest for his wife, who is wealthy in her own right, and is said to have surrendered her dower rights on the occasion of her marriage with Mr. Field in London last summer for £400,000. Unless their dower rights are regularly waived, widows can recover the same in the American courts.

The above statements regarding the bequests are given on the authority of a member of Mr. Field's family, but whether the rich Chicago merchant left over £10,000,000, which is believed to be a conservative estimate, or £25,000,000, as many state, does not appear. Chicago University, apparently, receives no additional benefit.

## THE SHOOTING OF THE BRITISH CHINA SQUADRON.

A London telegram dated the 8th inst. appearing in Indian papers states:—The return of the battle practice of the British Navy for 1905 show that the Channel Squadron scored 157 points; the Cruiser Squadron, 147; the Mediterranean Squadron, 137; the Atlantic, 91; the China, 93; and the East India Squadron, 37.

The *Daily Telegraph* comments upon the falling off in the China Squadron. Admiral Noel's flagship *Glory* only 11 points and the *Albion* 46, as compared with the *Exmouth's* 37 and Admiral Atkinson Willes' vessel, the *Hercules*, 7 points.

## AN "ANNOYING" BOOK.

## SIR IAN HAMILTON'S CRITICISMS OF THE JAPANESE.

It is stated that Lieutenant-General Sir Ian Hamilton's book on the Russo-Japanese war—"A Staff Officer's Scrap-Book"—has caused some annoyance in diplomatic circles. It is this book General Hamilton, who was Great Britain's Chief Military Attaché at the war, made some frank criticisms of the Japanese. The following are some of the criticisms which appear in the "Scrap-Book," of which a further volume is expected:—

"Nothing makes Europeans, and perhaps especially Americans, more mad than to feel they have been cleverly played upon. Personally I have never much minded when my requests for particulars have been responded to by generalities, generalities, and banalities, for I have found some of these red herring to have an excellent savour." (This refers to the censorship.) "There are not many commanders who have resolution enough at the end of a terribly anxious night and morning to reject a series of plausible arguments for leaving well alone. I have heard Lord Kitchener remark under similar circumstances: 'Your reasons for doing what you were told to do are the best I ever heard; now go and do it!'

"Kuroki, however, determined that, as the main position had been carried, it was not desirable that further heavy sacrifices should be imposed on the troops by a direct attack upon the rear-guard, and he authorised Major-General Nishi to stand by and do nothing pending further orders. It was a pity, but no doubt it is a very exceptional man who is able to detach his mind from the terribly impressive 'now' of hard-fought field into the 'then' of the far future. Yet this is necessary to a full comprehension of what may seem heavy further sacrifices at such a moment may be literally trifling compared to the ultimate sacrifices which my have to be paid for an incomplete victory—for a thrust only half driven home."

"The fact that the Twelfth were unable to move on is proof that the Guards and Second could have done so also, and dispenses of the official theory that they were too exhausted. On April 25th the Japanese stood, and knew they stood, in overwhelming force, only separated by two rivers from their enemy. Nothing, however, would induce them to make the plunge until they had completed their most minute preparations. Let the Germans admire this if they will; it is not that principle by which Marlborough, Napoleon, or Lee won their reputations. On the day they meet a first-class general this passion for making all things absolutely safe may be the ruin of our careful little friends."

## VISITORS AT HOTELS.

## HONGKONG HOTEL.

Mr. K. Anderson Mr. Edm. Johansen

Mr. &amp; Mrs. Anderson Mr. W. F. Johnson, Jr.

Mr. H. G. Battiscombe Mr. J. P. F. Jokl

Eng-Licut. H. F. Bell Dr. G. R. Jones, M.D.

B.M.

Mr. H. W. Kent

Mr. F. Bonnet Mr. F. Kerr

Mr. A. Boehringer Mr. C. J. Kindor

Mr. W. Bielofeld Mr. C. W. Kloger

Mr. R. J. Birbeck Mr. C. Koemig

Mr. Wm. N. Bish Mr. W. O. Kohler

Mr. L. C. Bishop Mr. A. H. Laing

Mr. &amp; Mrs. S. Bisney Mr. B. L. Law

Miss Bisney Mr. and Mrs. F. H.

Mr. W. S. Bassell Lovell

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. C. Lovell

Bonner Mr. F. Lovett

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Lovett

Borthwick &amp; child Mr. J. McCracken

Dr. Brett Mr. C. W. Mead

Miss F. Brock Mr. and Mrs. John Mcleor

Mr. L. Broghill Mr. J. Morec

Mr. &amp; Mrs. M. C. Brumfitt Mr. H. E. Meyer

Mr. &amp; Mrs. E. W. Middleford

Mr. &amp; Mrs. E. M. Moon

Mr. W. B. A. Moore

Mr. G. Newall

Mr. A. G. Newington

Mr. C. A. Parsons

Mr. D. A. Parsons

Mr. G. O. Phillips

Mr. K. Odleach, and native servant

Miss F. B. Olfert-Patay

Mr. G. Paton

Mr. B. L. Pecker

Mr. W. A. Peacock

Mr. E. P. Peacock

Mr. J. A. Peacock

Mr. A. B. Pfordten

Mr. C. Pigott

Mr. W. A. Powell

Mr. and Mrs. C. U.

Mr. E. H. Reel

Mr. L. C. Reel

Mr. H. H. Remington

Mr. E. F. Richards &amp; child

Mr. J. F. Riemekiet

Mr. J. F. Robbins, Jr.

Mr. E. R. Scarlett

Mr. C. S. Schultz

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gray

Scott &amp; child

Mr. J. S. Sues

Mr. E. H. Simpson

Mr. C. Skott

Mr. J. Spittles

Mr. A. L. Stain

Mr. H. Stephens

Lieut.-Col. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, R.N.

Mr. E. G. Flett

Mr. G. Flett

Mr. W. H. Deacon

Mr. W. H. Donald

Mr. F. H. Doolittle

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Donald

Capt. &amp; Mrs. J. Douglas

Mr. H. H. Remington

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Downing &amp; infant

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dowling

Mr. W. E. Dowling

Mr. W. H. Dowling&lt;/div

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

HAMBURG, Norwegian steamer, 26th February, from Canton.  
KASHIWA, British str., 1100, Pickard, 26th Feb.  
WULUH and CHINHUA, 21st Feb., General Butterfield & Swire.  
KUTANG, British str., 3,169, R. P. D. Bradley, 26th February, Singapore 26th February, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
LOUQUON, French str., 4,144, Casanova, 28th Feb.—Antwerp 6th January, General—Messageries Maritimes.  
SPEZIA, German str., 1,295, Müller, 26th Feb.—Amoy 25th Feb., General—Hamburg America Linie.  
TRINAN, British str., 1,460, C. Lindbergh, 23rd Feb.—Kuching 21st Feb., General—Bettfield & Swire.  
YUENHSI, British str., 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, 26th Feb., Manila 24th Feb., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

## CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, February 16th.  
Berling, British str., for Singapore.  
Cairo, Norwegian str., for Saigon.  
Carl Diederichsen, German str., for Haiphong.  
Chouet, German str., for Hainan.  
Den of Man, British str., for Nagasaki.  
Jutland, British str., for Swatow.  
Hanseng, British str., for Shanghai.  
Kashig, British str., for Canton.  
Louguo, French str., for Shanghai.  
Sant' Ivo, British str., for Singapore.

## DEPARTURES.

February 26th.  
ANDROMEDA, British cruiser, for practice.  
CHANGHOU, British str., for Kobe.  
HELIOPOLIS, British str., for Shanghai.  
KWANGTUNG, Chinese str., for Canton.  
SAINT GEORGE, British str., for New York.  
SLAVONIA, German str., for Vladivostock.  
WOSANG, British str., for Canton.  
TJIMAH, Dutch str., for Shanghai.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Kutang* reports: Light variable breeze and smooth sea.  
The British str. *Tienhsin* reports: Moderate to strong N.E. winds and thick misty rain.  
The German str. *Spezia* reports: Foggy and rainy weather all along the coast.

The British str. *Yuenhsi* reports: Experienced moderate S.S.W. winds and slight sea, fine clear weather to lat 21° N.; from thence to port fresh N.N.E. winds, overcast and cloudy.

VIS. CILLS TO SWEDAN JANGER, Feb. 3, German str. *Sigmaringen*, Milazzo, Dec. 14, from Fremantle for Batavia.  
Feb. 7, Norw. str. *Pioneer*, Corneliusen, Feb. 5, from Christmas Island for Singapore.  
Feb. 7, Dutch str. *Wilts*, Bagchus, Feb. 7, from Batavia for Rotterdam.  
Feb. 10, Dutch str. *Oester*, Le Clerc, from Rotterdam for Batavia.  
Feb. 11, British man-of-war *Katoomba*, Den. Feb. 11, from Boulogne for Colombo.

## VESSELS IN DOCK.

February 24th.  
ABERDEEN DOCKS.—Vincent, Fernandez Hermanos.

KOWLOON DOCKS.—Tyr, Hydes, Vigilante, Empress of Japan, L/EK, Choutai, Naamung, Jardine, Charles Hardwick, U.S.S. Wisconsin, COMMODORAL DOCK.—Shantung, Choufu Progress,

## VESSELS ON THE BERTH

## POSTPONEMENT.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHEW.

THE Company's Steamship  
"HAITAN," Captain J. S. Ranch, will be despatched for the above Ports TO DAY the 27th inst., at 10 A.M., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage apply to  
DOUGLAS LAIIKA & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 23rd February, 1906. [481]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship  
"ARATOON APCAR," Captain E. Fey, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, 1st March, at 3 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage apply to  
DAVID SASSON & CO., LTD., Agents, Hongkong, 27th February, 1906. [488]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

REGULAR SERVICE TO VLADIVOSTOCK.

THE Steamship

"DAPHNE" Capt. Schipper, 4th Mar. (via SHANGAI).  
The steamer has spacious First-Class accommodation for Passengers.

For Freight and Passage, apply to  
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office, Hongkong, 27th February, 1906. [500]



AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT), Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, RANGOON, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUZU AND PORT SAID.

(Taking cargo at through rates to the BRAZILS, to SOUTH AFRICA, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE and ADELAIDE PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship

"AUSTRIA," Captain Collodani, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 5th March.

This Steamer has splendid accommodation for passengers, electric light and carries a doctor and stewardess.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to  
SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents, Princes Buildings, Hongkong, 2nd February, 1906. [53]

To ascertain the anchorage of any vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nears Kowloon are marked "k." nearest Hongkong "h." midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m." and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & BLD	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR PORT	TO THE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP	BENALIC	Brit. str.	—	Wallace	GIBR, LIVINGSTON & CO.	Quick despatch.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SUMATRA	Brit. str.	—	E. W. Bruce	P. & O. S. N. CO.	About 28th inst.
LONDON, &c. VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DONGOLA	Brit. str.	—	G. Phillips	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 10th Mar., at Noon.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	SAINTE BEDE	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	ACHILLE	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th Mar.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	ALCINOUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th Mar.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	DIOMED	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 10th April.
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL	TEENKAI	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th April.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	TOULANE	Fren. str.	—	Girard	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 6th Mar., at 1 P.M.
HAMBURG	ZIETEN	Ger. str.	—	F. von Binzer	MELCHERS & CO.	To-morrow, at Noon.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	LIBERIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Kier	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 13th Mar.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Ehlers	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 7th Mar.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SAXONIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Sachs	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 21st Mar.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SILESIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Bahl	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 4th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SENEGAMBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Peter	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 18th April.
TRISTE, &c. VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SEGOVIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Schönfeld	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 2nd May.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	AUSTRIA	Aust. str.	—	Sander, Wieler & Co.	MELCHERS & CO.	On 5th Mar.
PELEUS	PELEUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th Mar.
AGAMEMNON	—	Brit. str.	—	Baird	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th April.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	Dowdell & Co., Ltd.	DOWDELL & CO.	Agents.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	Calowitz & Co.	CALOWITZ & CO.	Hongkong, 7th February, 1906. [377]
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	FOR MANILA.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	THE Steamship
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	"YEDDO."
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	Captain Baird, will be despatched for the above Ports or about TUESDAY, 27th inst.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	For Freight, apply to
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	Agents.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	Hongkong, 20th February, 1906. [451]
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	(Calling at MANILA, PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND TASMANIA, &c.)
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	THE Steamship
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	"FERNANDEZ HERMANOS."
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	Captain Onandia, will be despatched as above or about the 28th inst.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	For Freight or Passage, apply to
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	Agents.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	Hongkong, 20th February, 1906. [451]
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	EASTERN.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	Captain Powell, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 3rd March, at Noon.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	The well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	A Surgeon and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	For Freight or Passage, apply to
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	Agents.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	Hongkong, 1st February, 1906. [324]
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, INDIA, ADEN, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARESILLES, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, MEDITERANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	THE Steamship
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	"TOURANE."
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	Captain Girard, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 6th March, at 1 P.M.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	This Steamer connects at Colombo with the Australian line via <i>Australis</i> , bound for Marseilles via BOMBAY and Aden.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	Passage tickets and through Bills of Lading issued for above ports.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	Cargo also booked for principal places in Europe.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	Next sailings will be as follows:
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	S.S. "OCEANIEN" ... 20th Mar.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	S.S. "TONKIN" ... 3rd April.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	S.S. "ARMAND BEHIC" ... 17th April.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	S.S. "ERNEST SIMONS" ... 1st May.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	S.S. "POLYNESIEN" ... 15th May.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	G. de CHAMPEAUX, Agent.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	Hongkong, 20th February, 1906. [2]
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUS-
—	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	TRAIL, INDIA, AD

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LTD.  
AND  
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

## JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.  
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,  
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA  
AND SUMATRA PORTS.

## EUROPEAN SERVICE.

## OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 1st March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TEEN KAI"	On 13th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KEEMUN"	On 17th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MACHAON"	On 20th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KINTUCK"	On 28th March.

## HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"SAINT BEDE"	On 27th February.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"ACHILLES"	On 13th March.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"	On 20th March.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"ALCINOUS"	On 27th March.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"DIOMED"	On 10th April.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 24th April.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"TEEN KAI"	On 24th April.

\* Taking cargo for Liverpool at London rates.

## TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

Operating in conjunction with THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO. AND TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING TO ALL OVERLAND COMMON POINTS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA.

## EASTWARD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, & PACIFIC COAST PORTS	"KEEMUN"	On 19th March.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKO-HAMA	"OANFA"	On 25th February.

For Freight, apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
AGENTS.

[9.10]

Hongkong, 30th January, 1906.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.  
LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"NINGPO"	On 27th February.
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 27th February.
ZAMBANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK TOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"TSINAN"	On 28th February.
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"KASHING"	On 3rd March.
SHANGHAI	"SHAOHSING"	On 3rd March.
SWATOW, MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	On 6th March.
CEBU and ILOILO	"SUNGKLIANG"	On 7th March.
NEWCHWANG	"HUICHOW"	On 7th March.

\* The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

† Taking cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

‡ Taking cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.

REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
AGENTS.

[11]

Hongkong, 27th February, 1906.

## OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICES BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	THE CO'S S.S.	LEAVING	SUMMARY
TAMSUI VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"DAIGI MARU"	SUNDAY, 4th Mar., at 10 A.M.	
TAMSUI VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"TAMAMI"	SUNDAY, 11th Mar., at 10 A.M.	
+ SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHEW	"ANPING MARU"	THURSDAY, 8th Mar., at 10 A.M.	
+ SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHEW	"K. SHIMAKI"	THURSDAY, 15th Mar., at 10 A.M.	
+ SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHEW	"SHOSHU MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 7th Mar., at 10 A.M.	
ANPING VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"T. Nemoto"		
ANPING VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"MAIDZURU MARU"		
ANPING VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"MEELIN"		

\* These Steamers have excellent accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with electric light. Unrivalled Table.

† Taking cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Office at No. 8, Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong, 24th February, 1906.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

[14]

## PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS.
LONDON and ANTWERP	SUMATRA	About 28th February	Freight and Passage.
VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO PORT SAID and MARSELLES	E. W. Briscoe	February	
YOKOHAMA via SHANGHAI, SOCTREA MOJI and KOBE	W. R. Hickox	About 4th March	Freight only.
SHANGHAI	OCEANA	About 9th March	Freight and Passage.
LONDON &c, VIA USUAL PORTS	DONGOLA	Noon, 10th March	See Special Call.
	G. Phillips		Advertisement.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWITT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1906.

## "BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.	THE ORIENTAL PACIFIC LINE.
The Steamship	FOR SAN FRANCISCO VIA PORTS.
"BENLARIG."	"SEMINOLE."
Captain Wallace, will be despatched as above on or about the 23rd inst.	Tons 6,000, will be despatched about the 6th March.
For Freight, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.	For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 6th February 1906.	Hongkong, 26th February, 1906.

## THE ORIENTAL PACIFIC LINE.

## FOR SAN FRANCISCO VIA PORTS.

## THE Steamship

## "SEMINOLE."

Tons 6,000, will be despatched about the 6th March.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES &amp; CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1906.

[300]

## IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

## NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

## EUROPEAN LINE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG.

STEAMERS WILL ALSO CALL AT GIBRALTAR &amp; SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN, NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA AND SUMATRA PORTS.

NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS:

SAILING DATES.

1906

ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY	28th February
PRINZESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY	14th March
BAVERN	WEDNESDAY	28th March
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY	11th April
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY	25th April
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY	9th May
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY	23rd May
ROON	WEDNESDAY	6th June

ON WEDNESDAY, the 28th day of FEBRUARY, 1906, at Noon, the Steamship "ZIETEN", Captain F. von Blaz, with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES AND GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on MONDAY, the 26th February. Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 27th February, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 27th February.

Contents of Packages are required.

No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

Linens can be washed on board.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG:

1st Class 2nd Class 3rd Class

to NAPLES, GENOA AND GIBRALTAR 96 0 0 222 0 0

return 91 0 0 63 0 0 33 0 0

to SOUTHAMPTON, LONDON, BREMEN AND HAMBURG 65 0 0 44 0 0 24 0 0

return 60 0 0 66 0 0 36 0 0

To NEW YORK VIA SUEZ 64 0 0 44 0 0 26 0 0

VIA NAPLES, GENOA AND GIBRALTAR 115 0 0 79 0 0 47 0 0

return 110 0 0 68 0 0 27 0 0

VIA BREMEN OR SOUTHAMPTON 123 0 0 83 0 0 49 0 0

In the event of the passenger leaving the Mail Steamer at Naples, Genoa or Gibraltar and travelling to Bremen or Southampton overland THE SAME RATES TO BE APPLIED AS VIA NAPLES, GENOA OR GIBRALTAR, but in this case the cost of the railway trip, etc., to be at passenger's expense.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linens can be washed on board.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG:

1st Class 2nd Class 3rd Class

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The following may now be obtained at the General Post Office counter:-  
 Postal Guide ..... 30 cents  
 Parcel Post Tariffs ..... 20 "

The *America Maru*, with the American mail left Shanghai on Sunday, the 25th inst., at 10 a.m., and may be expected here to-day, at noon.

The *Toukin*, with the French mail of the 3rd February, left Singapore, on Monday, the 26th inst., at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 5th March. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 30th December.

A Mail for MACAO, is despatched per s.s. *Wingchau* on week-days at 5.00 p.m. On Sunday the mail for Macao is closed at 8.00 a.m.

Mails for CANTON, SAMSHOI and WUCHOW are closed on week-days at 7.30 a.m.

Mails for CANTON, NAMTAO, SANHUE, KUMOON, KUMOON, SAMSHUI, and WUCHOW are closed every weekday, at 5 p.m. On Sunday the mails are closed at 9 a.m.

No mails are despatched to those places on Saturday evening, unless previously notified.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR

PER

DATE

Shanghai		
Macao		
Singapore, Surabaya and Samarang		
Shanghai		
Manila		
Calcutta		
Singapore		
Swatow and Bangkok		
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, Surabaya and Macao		
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C. and Tacoma		

EUROPE, &c., India via Takuocia.  
 (Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra postage 10 cents.)  
 (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)

Swatow		
Macao		
Sandakan		
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta		
Zambawana, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth		
Macassar		
Swatow and Shanghai		
Amoy and Manila		
Tieku		

TO-DAY.  
 Sale Household Furniture, "Dunford," the Park, Misses, Higgins & Hough, 2 p.m.  
 Bandmann Co., City Hall, 3 p.m.

## TO-MORROW.

Meeting of the Hon. Kong Gymkhana-Club, Coffee Room, Race Course, 5.15 p.m.

## COMMERCIAL.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS

ON LONDON.—	February 26th.	
Telegraphic Transfer	2,012	
Bank Bills, on demand	21	
Fed. Bill, at 30 days' sight	21/4	
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	21/4	
Credits, at 4 months' sight	21/4	
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	21/4	

ON PARIS.—		
Bank Bills, on demand	262	
Credits, at 4 months' sight	266	

ON GERMANY.—		
On demand	2131	

ON NEW YORK.—		
Bank Bills, on demand	501	
Credits, 60 days' sight	511/2	

ON BOMBAY.—		
Telegraphic Transfer	1541	
Bank, on demand	1551	

ON CALCUTTA.—		
Telegraphic Transfer	1543	
Bank, on demand	1553	

ON SHANGHAI.—		
Bank, at sight	711	
Private, 30 days' sight	721	

ON YOKOHAMA.—		
On demand	1011	

ON MANILA.—		
On demand	1012	

ON SINGAPORE.—		
On demand	131 p.m.	

ON HAWAII.—		
On demand	1251	

ON HAITI.—		
On demand	23 p.m.	

ON SAIGON.—		
On demand	24 p.m.	

ON BANGKOK.—		
On demand	611	

SOVEREIGN'S BANK'S BUYING RATE.		
Gold Leaf, per tael	50.40	
Bar Silver, der oz.	3041	

## OPTIMUM.

February 26th.

Quotations are— Allow'd net to 1 cent.

Malwa New ..... \$1000 to — per piastre

Malwa Old ..... \$1050 to —

Malwa V. Old ..... \$1179 to —

Persian fine gold \$1100 to —

Persian extra fine \$1150 to —

Patna New ..... \$845 to — per obol.

Patna Old ..... \$835 to —

Banaras New ..... \$810 to —

Patna Old ..... \$808 to —

Ranee Old ..... \$804 to —

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. *Zieten* left Shanghai on the 24th Feb., at 6 p.m., and may be expected here to-day, at 7 a.m.

The I.G.M. str. *Bayern* left Colombo on the 21st Feb., a.m., and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 3rd March.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The T.K.M. str. *America Maru* sailed from Shanghai Sunday, at 10 a.m., and will be due here to-day, about noon.

The P.M. str. *Mongolia* left Yokohama on the 26th Feb., and is due here on or about the 10th March.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. str. *Tonkin* left Singapore on the 26th Feb., at 4 p.m., for this port via Sa